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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of German Patent Document DE 41 39 359 (corresponding U.S. Patent 5,435,175) and German Patent Document DE 39 39 099 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

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An English abstract of German Patent No. DE 101 57 196 and corresponding U.S. Patent US 2002/0059832) are submitted herewith.

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English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of the remaining German Patents are submitted herewith.

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